

REPORT TO THE LESIGLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 154 of 2005
Section 906 (1, 2)
Medical Services Transportation

The Department of Corrections continuously monitors Medical transportation to assure appropriateness. The result of this monitoring is that the vast majority of medical off-sites are appropriate and medically justified since they provide planned access to services for serious medical needs that have been identified by physicians but are beyond the scope of on-site service capabilities.

The Department has implemented a physician assistant on-call system at a number of prisons to provide on-site care rather than transporting a prisoner offsite on off-shifts, week-ends, or holidays. The Department has also examined Operations at Jackson to determine the best use of resources, reduce any unnecessary transportation.

The Department is working to expand sites of off-site provider care so that prisoners need only be transported to a nearby off-site facility for access to hospital and specialty care services rather than having to be transported to Jackson to receive it.